

Winter weather is here and Californians are encouraged to Be Storm Ready

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SITUATION SUMMARY

National News - Significant Events

Two Indiana school districts shut down amid threats toward schools

(Reuters) Two Indiana school districts closed on Thursday amid reported threats directed at schools there, school district officials said in posts on their website and Twitter. School officials in Danville, Indiana, in a post on Twitter wrote: "Due to newly received threats toward the school system received overnight, Danville schools will be CLOSED Thurs, Dec 17 for students & staff." Officials in Plainfield, Indiana, on their website said: "A threat has been directed to the high school, and the safety and security of all students is our highest priority," adding that they are working with public safety officials in what is an ongoing investigation.

International News - Significant Events

UN resolution seeks to curb Islamic State funding

(BBC) Finance ministers from the 15 nations on the UN Security Council are expected to adopt a resolution aimed at starving the so-called Islamic State of funds. The draft resolution is based on one that was first passed in 1999 to target the rival jihadist group, al-Qaeda. It urges countries to "move vigorously and decisively to cut the flow of funds" to IS, such as by preventing its smuggling of oil and antiquities. The militant group is widely believed to be the world's wealthiest. A recent study estimated that it its monthly revenue was \$80m. Thursday's summit of finance ministers of the UN Security Council in New York will be the first in the international body's 70-year history. The US and Russian-drafted resolution they are expected to be approve unanimously will rename the committee monitoring sanctions against al-Qaeda as "the Isil (Daesh) and al-Qaeda sanctions committee", using acronyms based on the group's previous name in English and Arabic. Any individual, group, undertaking or entity supporting the groups and their offshoots will be subject to UN sanctions, including an asset freeze, travel ban and arms embargo. The draft encourages all countries to "more actively submit" names for inclusion on the sanctions list and to share information about extremist groups. It also requires them to report within 120 days on what steps they have taken to curb the financing of IS, and asks UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to provide a "strategic-level report" in 45 days on the sources of revenue for IS.



SITUATION SUMMARY

President Obama to Visit San Bernardino County

- President Obama will travel to San Bernardino on Friday, 12/18/15, to join in mourning the 14 victims of the 12/02/15 mass shooting. Obama's visit to Southern California was added to his previously scheduled trip to Hawaii, where he and the first family will celebrate Christmas, as has been their tradition during his presidency.
- During his San Bernardino stop, Obama will visit privately with families of victims. Further details of the president's visit were not disclosed.

North Coast Storm Preparation, Sandbag Training

Due to multiple storm systems forecasted to bring significant precipitation to Northwest California over the next several days, the National Weather Service in Eureka and the Department of Water Resources Eureka Flood Center will be providing sandbag training at their office on Woodley Island, Humboldt County.

- The office is located at: 300 Startare Drive Eureka, California 95501. Their contact phone number is: (707) 443-6484
- The training is open to everyone. No calling ahead is required and will be provided on the following dates and times:
 - Thursday, 12/17/15: 1500 to 1700 hours
 - Friday, 12/18/15: 1500 to 1700 hours
 - Saturday, 12/19/15: 0800 to 1000 hours

Weather of Concern

- High pressure will bring a dry day today with only slight chances of rain or snow northern areas through the end of the week. This high pressure is expected to break down however allowing a string of weather systems to move into Northern California starting this weekend and lasting through the end of the week and Christmas day. Low potential for burn scar debris flows during the Thursday through Tuesday wet pattern. Forecast rain rates are not expected to meet debris flow criteria.
- A dry air mass combined with weakening winds will allow for another cold night across much of Southern California. The Ventura County Interior Valleys, especially near Ojai will see lows falling into the upper 20s and lower 30s.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa bc cal.php



WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

Light warm frontal rain will filter over the North Coast. Rain will continue through the weekend. Forecast models still indicating a more significant rain event late this weekend through early next week.

Medford Weather:

Isolated pockets of below-freezing temperatures still exist in some areas such as Siskiyou Summit along Interstate 5. Precipitation is not expected to occur in that area through the early morning at least until temperatures rise to above-freezing. Moving south and east toward Mount Shasta City and Modoc County, less precipitation is expected but some may fall as freezing rain as the warm layer moves over that area.

Reno Weather:

A warm front moves through this morning with light snow near the Oregon border along with a slight chance of freezing rain. Milder weather is expected late in the week. A weak system will pass through late Friday into Saturday with light rain and mountain snow. A stronger system is possible early next week.

San Francisco Weather:

Another cold morning is expected with a Freeze Warning once again in effect for southern Monterey and San Benito Counties through 0900 hours. There is a chance of light rain in the North Bay late today into Friday. Widespread rainfall is then expected to spread across the entire region late Friday into Saturday as a frontal boundary pushes through. Unsettled weather to persist through much of next week bringing additional rain chances with a stronger system possible by Christmas.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Sacramento Weather:

Wetter pattern begins Thursday as light precipitation moves across far Northern California. Rain/snow should stay north of I-80 until Friday evening and then spread southward. Wet pattern expected through the end of next week. This extended rain/snow pattern will likely impact holiday travel.

Hanford Weather:

A ridge of high pressure will remain over Central California through Friday. On Saturday, a trough of low pressure will move through bringing a threat of precipitation. A slight warming trend will take place through the end of the week.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Offshore flow beneath high pressure aloft will gradually warm the temperatures through Friday. A series of disturbances will bring possible precipitation at times and mainly in the north with below normal temperatures from Saturday into midweek.

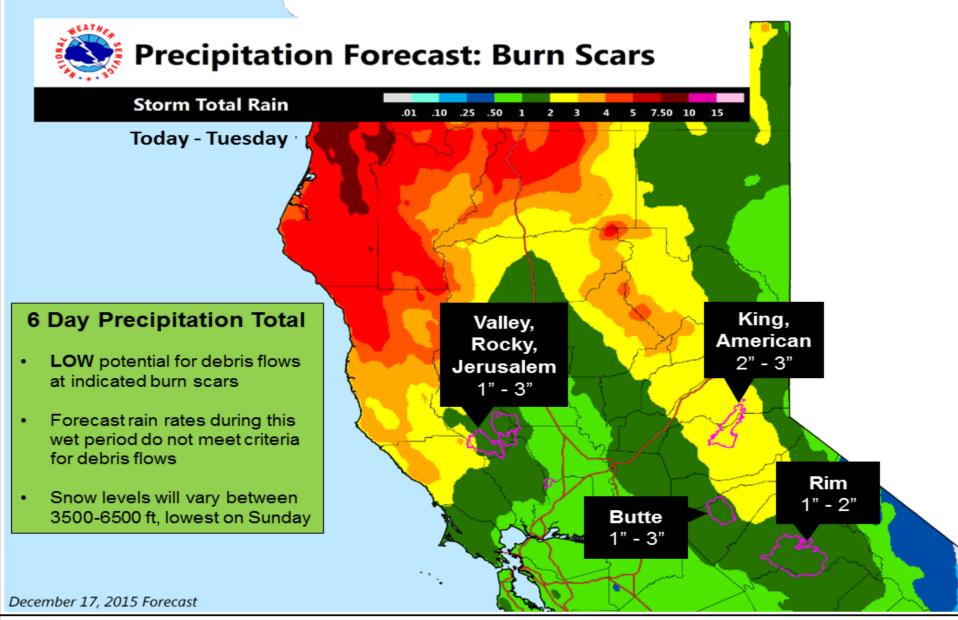
Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

A northwest flow aloft will transition to a weak high pressure aloft with warming to slightly above average temperatures for Friday. For late Saturday through early Sunday, a low pressure system will move inland through Southern California bringing cooling, gusty west winds in the mountains and deserts and a chance of showers along and west of the mountains. For Monday through Wednesday, generally dry northwest flow aloft with high temperatures warming to near average.

Southeast California Weather:

A cold air mass will remain in place through today keeping temperatures below seasonal normals with widespread freezing temperatures in the morning across Southeastern California. Warmer weather will return Friday as high pressure builds resulting in near to above average temperatures through the weekend. Slightly cooler weather will return early next week though chances for precipitation will remain very low until at least the middle of next week.







Weather Forecast Office Sacramento, CA

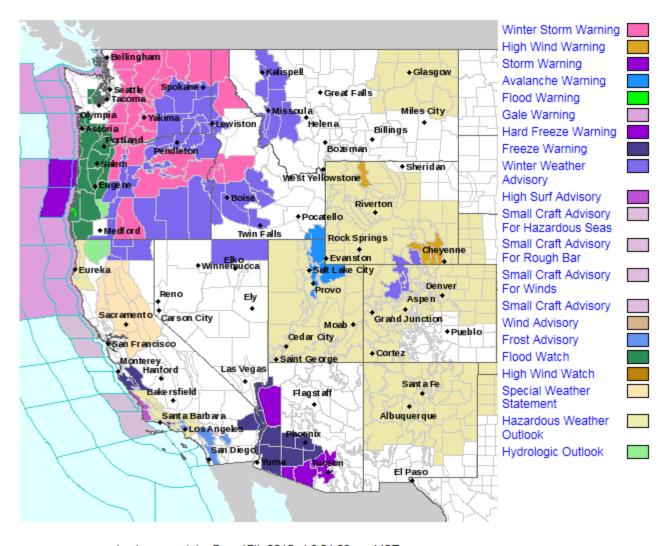
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STATE WEATHER MAP



Last map update: Dec, 17th 2015 at 6:21:23 am MST

FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php

NWS California River Forecast Center:

http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/



CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services
 for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may
 put the following link to the brochure on their webpage http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.



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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 63 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 29 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County),
 Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa
 Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County),
 Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada
 Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne
 County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.